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SUBJECT: TRIAL OF COMMUNISTS INVOLVED IN "KARAGATAN" AND "DONA
ANDREA" AFFAIRS

1. ACCORDING MANILA PRESS OF MAY 22, 92 LEADERS OF COMMUNIST PARTY (CPP/ML) WILL BE TRIED BY MANILA COURT ON CHARGES OF REBELLION IN CONNECTION WITH FAMOUS ARMS SMUGGLING CASES OF 1972 AND 1974 INVOLVING VESSELS "MV KARAGATAN" AND "MV DONA ANDREA." DEFENDANTS INCLUDE CPP/ML CHAIRMAN JOSE MA. SISON AND WIFE, 39 OTHER IDENTIFIED SUSPECTS ALSO STILL AT LARGE, AND OTHERS ALREADY UNDER DETENTION. DETAINNESS INCLUDE SUCH CELEBRAITIES AS "COMMANDER DANTE" (BERNABE BUSCAYNO) AND LT. VICTOR CORPUS, PLUS AT LEAST ONE, FORMER NEWSPAPERMAN SATURNINO OCAMPO, WHO, ACCORDING AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL AND CHURCH GROUPS, HAS BEEN TORTURED WHILE IN DETENTION. ACCORDING PRESS, TRIAL WILL BE CONDUCTED BY MILITARY COMMISSION NO. 1 HEADED BY NAVY CAPTAIN GONZALO SANTOS. TIME AND PLACE HAVE NOT YET BEEN DISCLOSED.

2. PRESS ACCOUNTS WENT INTO SOME DETAIL ON BACKGROUND OF "KARAGATAN" AND "DONA ANDREA" CASES WHICH TOOK PLACE IN JULY
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1972 AND FEBRUARY 1974 RESPECTIVELY. BOTH INVOLVED SHIPMENTS OF ARMS ALLEGEDLY FROM CHINA WHICH WERE OFF-LOADED ON LUZON COAST TO BE PICKED UP BY LOCAL COMMUNIST PARTY ADHERENTS. PRESS ACCOUNTS DID NOT MENTION THE ALLEGED CHINESE CONNECTION, MERELY NOTING THAT ARMS WERE SUPPOSEDLY SHIPPED FROM A "FOREIGN COUNTRY."

3. COMMENT: TIMING OF "KARAGATAN" AND "DONA ANDREA"
TRIALS MAY MERELY BE ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF TEDIOUS DELAYS
THAT CHARACTERIZE PHILIPPINE JUSTICE. ON THE OTHER HAND,
IT IS NOT UNLIKELY THAT GOP SEES THIS AS GOOD MOMENT TO
EMPHASIZE REALITY OF COMMUNIST THREAT AND ALLEGED INVOLVE-
MENT IN SUBVERSION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOW FIGURING
IN CONTROVERSY OVER HUMAN RIGHTS.
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